Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs after page 21, line 11 of Applicant's specification:

As should be appreciated, the protrusions 32b, 55a are an example of a link mechanism and the paper stopper 28 and knob 29 are an example of an operation lever. As discussed above, the paper stopper 28 is changed to switch power transmission. However, power transmission may also be switched through an operation of changing a direction of another component or by an exclusive lever. Therefore, the paper stopper 28 is an example of an operation lever that may be operated to switch power transmission. Additionally, the knob 29 may be provided at a center of a plate surface of the paper stopper 28. A shape of the knob 29 may allow a user to grip the knob 29 so that the paper stopper 28 may be changed to switch power transmission. Therefore, the combination of the paper stopper 28 and the knob 29 are an example of an operation lever that may be operated to switch power transmission.

As discussed above, the paper stopper 28 may be positioned in an erected state, e.g., a first state, or an open state, e.g., a second state. When the paper stopper 28 is operated to enter the erected state, the downwardly extending protrusion 32b of a gear releasing plate 32 does not abut against the protrusion 55a of a gear fixing plate 55. As a result, power transmission belts 57 transmit a driving force that moves support bodies 58 upward to lift a rotating shaft 66 and a setting plate 23

When the paper stopper 28 is operated to enter the open state, the protrusion 32b and the protrusion 55a abut against each other to cut off the transmission of a retaining force from a stepping motor 51 to support the setting plate 23, and the gear 56 of the support is disengaged from the planet gear 54 of the stepping motor 51. Because the abutment of the protrusion 32b and the protrusion 55a cut off the transmission of a driving force to support the setting plate 23, the protrusion 32b and the protrusion 55a are an example of a link mechanism.